### Veterinarian's Health Certification

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A Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian is only valid for 21 days prior to the date of sale.

The Health Certificate shall certify:

- the dog is apparently free of any contagious or infectious illness.
- the dog is apparently free from any defect which is congenital or hereditary and diagnosable with reasonable accuracy.
- the dog does not appear to be clinically ill from parasitic infestation at the time of physical examination.

The Health Certificate shall include:

- the name, address and signature of the veterinarian.
- the date the dog was examined.

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# Facts for a Veterinarian



# Dog Purchaser Protection

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# A Message from Attorney General Jerry Pappert



The Dog Purchaser Protection Act, Section 9.3, is an amendment to the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law.

The amendment was effective on August 25, 1997. The law establishes basic standards that dog sellers, dog purchasers, veterinarians and any other party subject to this provision must meet.

This section, as well as the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, is enforced by my Bureau of Consumer Protection.

A civil penalty of up to \$1,000 may be levied against any person who violates any provision of this section, and up to \$2,000 against any seller who conducts business under this section without a proper license.

Gerald J. Pappert Attorney General

## COMMON QUESTIONS

- **Q.** Is a Veterinarian's Certification of illness, congenital or hereditary defects or death necessary for a purchaser to get a refund?
- **A.** Yes, and not only for the purchaser to get a refund, but for a replacement puppy or even for reimbursement of veterinary costs.
- **Q.** Who will pay for the Veterinarian's Certification?
- **A.** The purchaser will bear the expense of the Veterinarian's Certification.
- **Q.** What information should be included on the Veterinarian's Certification?
- **A.** A sample Veterinarian's Certification is provided on the opposite side of this brochure.



### Veterinarian's Certification

This is to certify that I examined the following dog as follows:

Purchaser's Name:
Purchaser's Address:
Date of Examination:
Name of the Dog:
Breed of the Dog:
Age of the Dog:
Color and Markings:
Precise Findings of the Examination, Diagnostic Tests or Necropsy:
Treatment Recommended:
Cost to Cure the Dog:
The dog examined has or had the following illness or defect which: renders it unfit for purchase or resulted in its death.
Illness or defect:
Veterinarian's Name: Veterinarina's Address:
Veterinarian's Telephone Number:
Signature of Veterinarian:

You, the dog's purchaser, must provide the seller with my name, address and telephone number within two days of the date of this Certification. Also, you must give a copy of this Certification to the seller within five days of the date of this Certification.